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REFLECTS NO SAM SIGHTINGS.

THESE IMPACTS

INDICATE A CONTINUING SAM THREAT BETWEEN DONG HOI AND THE DMZ. 17 SEP: 1. DURING THE LATE 0100Z HOUR A FLIGHT OF TWO RF4CS WERE TARGETED FOR A PHOTO RECCE ALONG A STRIP FROM 21-24N 105-32E TO 21-09N 105-51E. DURING THEIR MISSION THEY WERE FIRED ON BY TWO SAM BNS WITH FOUR SA-2 MISSILES. ONE RF4C WAS DAMAGED AND SUBSEQUENTLY LOST. BOTH PILOTS OF THE RF4C WERE CAPTURED. DURING THE APPROACH AND TARGET RUN CONTINUOUS SIGNALS WERE RECEIVED. AT 0152Z, WHILE AT 21-30N 105-45E, OPERATIONAL REPORTS STATE THE PILOTS SAW TWO SAMS THAT PASSED BEHIND AND BELOW THE FLIGHT. SHORTLY AFTERWARDS, A THIRD AND FOURTH MISSILE WERE SIGHTED WHILE THE ACFT WERE AT 21-26N 105-50E AND 21-25N 105-53E. ALTHO NONE OF THE MISSILES HIT THE ACFT, ONE APPARENTLY SUFFERED BATTLE DAMAGE AND THE CREW EJECTED AT 20-54N 105-30E. BEGINNING AT 0144Z, SAM BN V1463 WAS REFLECTED REPORTING TRACKING DATA ON THE INGRESSING RECCE FLIGHT. INITIALLY DETECTED 63 NMS WEST NORTH WEST OF HANOI THERAID WAS TRACKED UNTIL 0153Z WHEN TWO MISSILES WERE LAUNCHED AT A RANGE OF 12.8 NMS. THE TARGET AT THIS TIME WAS IN THE VIC OF 21-31N 105-47E. THE BN SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED THAT THE MISSILES EXPLODED AT THE TARGET AND AS THE TARGET PASSED THE BN, THEY TURNED TO 180 EGRESSES TO FIRE AGAIN, BUT WERE UNABLE TO PICK THE TARGET UP. ANALYSIS OF TRACKING DATA SUGGESTS THAT THE BN IS LOCATED IN THE VIC OF 21-21N 105-52E. APPROXIMATELY 50 MINUTES LATER, SAM BN V1424 WAS NOTED IN COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE 238TH RGT CTLR. THE CONVERSATIONS INDICATED THAT THE AAA HAD CAPTURED BOTH PILOTS ALIVE. REFERENCE WAS ALSO MADE TO THE LAUNCH OF TWO MISSILES BY A NEIGHBORING BN. THE TARGET WAS REPORTED TO HAVE PASSED OVER ALREADY AND WAS FAR WHEN THE MISSILES DETONATED. SINCE BOTH BNS HAD LAUNCHED ALMOST SIMULTANEOUSLY, AND THE ACFT HAD NOT BEEN DOWNED IMMEDIATELY, THERE WAS A PROBLEM OF WHICH BN SHOULD GET THE CREDIT FOR THE SHOOTDOWN. JAMMING HAD PROBABLY BEEN ENCOUNTERED SINCE THE CLTR REPORTED THAT, IT WAS RAINING VERY HARD. THIS IS BELIEVED TO BE A REFERENCE TO ECM (WEATHER AT THIS TIME WAS GOOD, NO RAIN. VIS 12 NMS).

OF INTEREST. ON THE FOLLOWING DAY THE 238TH RGT CTLR WAS NOTED IN A PROPAGANDA MESSAGE TO V1424 REFERENCING THE CAPTURE ALIVE OF THE TWO PILOTS, AND A MESSAGE WAS REFLECTED BEING XMITTED FROM LAO CAI TO HANOI CONGRATULATING THE HANOI HAIPHONG MILITARY ON THEIR COMBINED EFFORTS OF SHOOTING DOWN AN AMERICAN ON THE 17TH. 2. DURING THE 0000Z THE 0500Z AND THE 0900Z HOURS, US STRIKE FORCES ATTACKED THE HAIPHONG RR/HWY BRIDGE. THESE STRIKE WERE SUBJECTED TO HEAVY DRV SAM ACTIVITY BUT NO US ACFT WERE LOST OR DAMAGED TO SAMS. THE INITIAL STRIKE

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OCCURRED BETWEEN 0035 AND 0038Z WHEN 12 ACFT, SUPPORTED BY FOUR IRON HAND ACFT, HIT THE TARGET. DURING THIS STRIKE PILOTS OBSERVED ONE SAM. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DRV SAM COMMUNICATIONS REFLECTED SAM BN VI472 OF THE EAST HANOI SAM RGT OBSERVING THE STRIKE AND PASSING AZIMUTH/RANGE INFORMATION TO THE RGT CTRL. ANALYSIS OF THIS TRACKING RECONFIRMS THE BN TO BE LOCATED AT 22N-56N 105-58E [REDACTED] AT 0052Z THE BN REPORTED, TWO RAIDS AND FOUR ACFT FLEW AWAY... TWO PAIRS... FLEW ACROSS HAIPHONG, THE ONE IN FRONT WAS THE FALSE ONE... NOW THERE ARE Lying AWAY. THE REFERENCE TO FALSE ONE MAY BE A REFERENCE TO ALQ-51 JAMMING. THE SECOND STRIKE FORCE CONSISTED OF 11 A4ES AND FOUR IRON HAND SUPPORT ACFT. THE ACFT ATTACKED BETWEEN 0516-28Z. PILOTS OBSERVED NO SAMs DURING THIS ACTIVITY. NO SAM ASSOCIATED ELINT SIGNALS WERE DETECTED [REDACTED] DURING THIS TIME FRAME. DURING THE AFTERNOON STRIKE BETWEEN 0902-14Z, THE NAVY PILOTS OBSERVED FIVE SA-25. THE STRIKE FORCE CONSISTED OF FOUR ACFT WITH FOUR ACFT FLYING AN IRON HAND SUPPORT ROLE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DRV SAM ASSOCIATED COMMUNICATIONS REVEALED THAT SAM BN [REDACTED] WAS TRACKING THESE ACFT AND REPORTING AZIMUTH/RANGE INFORMATION TO THE 238TH RGT CTRL. ANALYSIS OF THIS TRACKING DATA RECONFIRMS THIS BN AT 21-09N 106-07E [REDACTED]. DURING ALL THREE STRIKE IRON HAND ACFT ATTACKED THE FOLLOWING SAM SITES WITH SHRIKES: VN055, VN066, VN093, VN099, VN209 AND VN230. NO BDA WAS REPORTED ON ANY OF THE ATTACKS. 3. AT 1005Z, A FLIGHT OF THREE B52S INTERCEPTED [REDACTED] SIGNALS WHEN THEY WERE AT 16-50N 106-53E. SECONDS LATER TWO SAMs WERE SIGHTED WITH THE FIRST MISSILE DETONATING ONE NM AWAY AND HIGH WHILE THE SECOND DETONATED 1/2 NM AWAY. NO DAMAGE WAS SUSTAINED AND SUBSEQUENT FLIGHTS OF B52S AT 1030, 1033, 1710 AND 1935Z RECEIVED NO SAM FIRINGS. [REDACTED]

4. DURING THE LATE 0320 AND

EARLY 0400Z HOUR, [REDACTED] DRV ASF REFLECTED THE FLIGHT OF A BUMBLE BUG DRONE (Q631) THAT WAS NOT RECOVERED AND PROBABLY SHOT DOWN IN CHINA BY A SAM. TRACKING BEGAN AT 0334Z AT 18-02N 108-12E WITH THE DRONE FLYING NORTH, BRIEFLY PENETRATING DRV AIRSPACE BETWEEN 0404Z AND 0406Z, AND THEN CONTINUING INTO CHINA APPROXIMATELY 43 NMS SOUTHEAST OF NING MING. AT 0408Z SUDDEN DROPS IN ALTITUDE FROM 66,000 FT. 5#433 :3:43:8, +ALTITUDES FROM 19,636 TO 6,652 FT WERE REFLECTED AT THE SAME COORDS. THE TRACK WAS THEN DROPPED. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SUBSEQUENTLY CHICOM PRESS REPORTS ATTRIBUTED THE DOWNING OF THE DRONE TO A CHICOM AIR FORCE UNIT. 899 NNNN

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